



HOMESITE LOAN TO BE CLOSED TODAY

Goforth Resigns Four Square; Named To Head C&I Office In Sylva



be able to secure the services of such a qualified person to carry out industrial development program directly to the people of western North Carolina."

As head of the Commerce and Industry Division's regional office, Goforth will work in 22 western North Carolina counties.

The Sylva office is one of five in the state which were established in November, 1965 as part of Gov. Dan Moore's plans for total development of North Carolina.

Until he took over the direction of Four Square Community Action group, Goforth had logged eight years in sales and industrial work in Alabama and three years as economic development officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at its Cherokee Agency. During his work at Cherokee, Goforth was responsible for bringing new industry to the Cherokee Reservation and with the formulation of an economic development program for the Cherokees.

He is a past president of Western North Carolina Associated Communities and the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce. He is presently a member of the Western North Carolina Highway Development Council.

He is a member of the Andrews Methodist Church and the Andrews Lions Club.

He has a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina where he graduated in 1954.

He is married to the former Jo Hale of Atlanta. The Goforths have one daughter, nine-year-old Dawn.

Pointing out that Goforth has been active in sales and industrial work for the past 12 years, C&I Director Ban E. Stewart said:

"We are extremely happy to



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JOHN T. GILL of the Cherokee County Rural Development Authority (seated, left) holds the \$200,000 check for the loan to be closed today for the Maltby Homesites Project. Seated at his right is Rural Renewal Program Leader Mack Ray. Standing (l to r) are: J.W.S. Davis; County Commissioners Chairman W.T. Moore; Larry Huggins, engineer with Patterson and Dewar of Atlanta; Hadley Dickey; Merle Davis; and R.D. Bruce of the Farmers Home Administration. Not pictured—Joe El Khouri, member of the Authority.

Plans Underway For 10th Anniversary Wagon Train

A committee has been named to proceed with plans for a 10th anniversary wagon train from Tellico Plains, Tenn. to Murphy on the Fourth of July weekend.

Don Ramsey was named chairman of the committee Friday night at a meeting held at the Murphy Power Board Building. Ty Burnette was named vice-chairman.

Other committee members are Frank Swan, Dicky Higdon, Jeff Brooks and Charles Hall of Andrews and Marvin Thompson, Tom Falmer, Charlie Johnson and Charles Coleman of Murphy.

Charles Hall, chairman of the Wagon Train Committee at Tellico Plains, spoke to the group. He has served as a scout on all nine previous

trains. The wagon train activity definitely will be coordinated with the Murphy Jaycees Water Festival. There had been reports for several weeks that the two affairs would be related.

Several thousand persons are expected to gather in Murphy on the Fourth of July to participate in the Water Festival and the Wagon Train.

One of the main purposes of the original wagon train was to draw attention to the need for a paved road from Murphy to Tellico Plains. The need still exists. Present paved routes between the two towns make it necessary for motorists to drive completely around Lake Hiwassee on the south and west sides while a

paved road through the Unaka area would provide a more direct route. Such a road would also provide a more direct route to Knoxville.

Another road that past wagon trains promoted is fast becoming a reality—the Tellico Plains-Robbinsville road which is under construction in both Tennessee and North Carolina. It will open up vast areas of the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests for tourists.

The Tellico Plains-Robbinsville road is part of a network of roads being built or improved in the fringe areas of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. A major reconstruction project is underway on narrow, winding US 129 from Robbinsville to the Tennessee line and on the Tennessee side, a new segment of the Foothills Parkway, linking with 129 was opened last year.

Thirty persons attended Friday night's meeting.

Ole Man Winter Still With Us

After several days of spring-like weather last week, the Murphy area was rudely reminded that Ole Man Winter is still here. Scattered thunder and lightning last Thursday night preceded a cold spell that hit the area Friday morning and brought snow through-out the area.

The cold spell on the weekend was a reminder to area residents that a year ago they were shivering in the harshest weather to strike the area in 27 years.

A year ago Sunday, Murphy recorded a low of nine degrees below zero and Andrews checked in with a minus 15 reading. The arctic air was accompanied by a paralyzing snow storm.

Today, of course, is a key day for many amateur weather forecasters. If the groundhog sees his shadow, so the legend goes, we're in for six more weeks of rough weather. If he doesn't see the shadow, spring is supposed to be just around the corner.

Tom Mallonee To Visit Area

ASHEVILLE--Tom L. Mallonee, assistant to Rep. Roy A. Taylor is now making scheduled visits to county seats and other sections of the Eleventh District. He will be in Cherokee and Clay Counties on Wednesday, February 15.

Mallonee will be at the Town Hall in Andrews from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., City Hall in Murphy from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and the Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in discussing matters with Mallonee is invited to meet with him at these times.

Construction To Begin This Month On 15 Units

Mack B. Ray, Rural Renewal Program Leader for Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties, has announced that the \$200,000 loan for the Maltby Homesite Project near Marble will be closed today (Thursday) at the Farmers Home Administration office in Murphy.

The Cherokee County Rural Development Authority plans to begin construction of 15 dwellings in Phase I at Maltby this month. Collins and Minor of Murphy has been awarded a contract to build the homes. While weather could be a factor in the start of construction, Ray said he believes the dwellings will be completed by early fall.

Plans for Phase II, which will add more homes at the site, are underway and the Rural Development Authority will release information on the second phase when the plans are completed.

The homes will be sold to low and medium income families and will be financed over a 30-year period by FHA at

five percent interest. A reasonable down payment will be required. Three types of homes are to be built and will probably range in price from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Each home will be on a lot of approximately 1.5 acres. The lot is included in the price.

Ray said applications are not being taken for the homes now but they will be accepted in the near future and the date will be announced in advance.

The main purpose of the project is to relieve the housing shortage that exists in Cherokee County and in order to fulfill this purpose, persons who now own what are considered to be suitable homes will not be considered for homes at Maltby.

Two wells have been drilled at the site and approval of the water supply has been granted by the North Carolina State Department of Health. The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners made funds available so the Rural Development Authority could pro-

ceed with required work on the wells before the loan was closed. Ray said he is "thrilled with the cooperation" of the Commissioners.

Gravel roads for the project will be constructed by the State Highway Department.

The Maltby project is only one of several matters that have received the attention of the Rural Development Authority over the past several months. The group has sought to create an overall plan for development of Cherokee County.

Pointing out that the housing problem in the county is serious, Ray said the Maltby Homesites "will be meaningful to our area" as more families return and out-migration is halted by the growth of the local industry.

Chairman Backs Election Reform

RALEIGH--L.T. Valentine, Jr., chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has "wholeheartedly" endorsed the proposed changes in the election laws of North Carolina suggested by the State Board of Elections. He has recommended to the General Assembly that the changes be enacted into law.

The recommendations would require all 100 counties to put into effect the Loose Leaf Registration System which is now used in 30 counties. Individual voters would be required to sign their name upon receipt of a ballot and absentee ballots would have to be certified by a member of the County Board of Elections.

"These (changes) would in my opinion tend to do away with real or imaginary abuses of the election process", Valentine said.

"The Democratic Party by its nature, practices, and background is in favor of these election reforms", the chairman continued. "Indeed, the Democratic Party in North Carolina has through the years favored strengthening of the franchise and protection of the rights of all citizens to have a full, free, and unrestrained voice in the election process in the naming of those people who will govern them."

SHC To Be Invited

The entire State Highway Commission may get a close look at the road situation this summer.

The Scout has learned that Commissioner W. Curtis Russ will invite the Commission to hold its June meeting in Waynesville.

A decision is expected to be made at a meeting in Raleigh on Friday.

307 To Receive Training For American Thread Co.

Secretary of Labor William P. Wirtz has agreed to the

'Tuesday's Child'

To Be Shown Monday

A film entitled "Tuesday's Child" will be shown Monday night at 7:30 at the meeting of the Cherokee County Association for Retarded Children in the Power Board Building.

The Association will vote on an amendment at the meeting and a board of directors will be elected.

Persons knowing of a retarded child not involved in a school program are asked to contact Mrs. Jack Early at 837-3793.

Mayor Proclaims February As Heart Month In Murphy

Mayor Cloe Moore has designated February as Heart Month in Murphy, and in a proclamation issued Wednesday, called on residents of Murphy to "support the 1967 Heart Fund with the full measure of their generosity."

Noting that the heart and blood vessel diseases take more lives each year than all other causes of death combined, the Mayor called upon local citizens to help speed their Heart Association's research, education, and community heart programs through Heart Fund contributions and volunteer service.

The Heart Fund campaign began on Wednesday and will continue throughout the month. February 11 has been designated as Ballon Day and during the week of February 13-18 the business district will be solicited.

A highlight of the drive will be Heart Sunday, February 26, when volunteer workers will call on their neighbors to distribute heart-saving literature and to receive Heart Fund contributions.

Mrs. Merle Davis is president of the local Heart Association and Mrs. Robert Weaver and Mrs. Ed Schulte are co-chairmen of the Heart Fund Drive.

signing of a contract under the Manpower Development and Training Act to provide on-the-job training for 307 workers for American Thread Co., Inc. at Marble.

Unemployed and underemployed workers will be eligible to receive up to 20 weeks of training under the program.

A contract covering this project will be executed for the Secretary of Labor by J.B. Archer, Regional Director, Region III. The contractor will be reimbursed \$67,745 for providing the training.

Twelve classes of jobs are covered by the project.

Trainees will receive wages for all production work during the training period.

Early Educators View Hiwassee Dam School

(Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series of three articles on the background of Hiwassee Dam School.)

By Barbara R. Sampson
Two of the "grand old men of education in Cherokee County" have taken time to share views and opinions of

schools, past and present. They have, primarily, spotlighted the section to which they gave their greatest number of years of service—Hiwassee Dam and environs. R.L. Keenum and Walter Anderson, with a combined total of 76 teaching years, offered a fresh, youthfully optimistic outlook for today's

youth and for their teachers. In an age when teenagers are automatically lumped into the delinquent group, these educators recalled and commended the greater number of adolescents who are doing a laudable job of growing up in a restless and complex world.

Mr. Anderson, unexpectedly

interrupted at his workbench, expanded his opinion in the gracious atmosphere of his living room. When asked to compare today's youth with that of the past, Mr. Anderson said, "I wouldn't say that there's a lot of difference between children now and when I first began teaching in 1916. On the average, girls and boys, in this section at least, are basically of the same material as their grandparents; they just have different conveniences."

Since his retirement from Hiwassee Dam in 1960, Mr. Anderson has often substituted and is always welcomed by the students, who term him a "right guy".

Mr. Keenum, looking like a college professor in his neat business suit and matching accessories, shared his opinions and cups of delicious coffee in his inviting family room. He began by emphasizing some of the differences between the school situation today and yesteryear. His first school was Oak Grove (Collis) in 1912 for the "munificent sum" of \$30 a month--\$120 for the school year of four months. He chuckled as he added that he was not paid until February, although his school term ended in December. "And even then I had to get my pay from the sheriff."

Friendship, Reed's Chapel, Shoal Creek, Unaka, Upper Beaver Dam, Ranger Hiwassee Dam--the schools at which these two dedicated men served testify to the wide range of service in one- and two-teacher schools, where there were few facilities for teaching except the dedication of the instructor. The buildings were mainly run-down make-shifts, converted from other uses, sometimes without so much as outdoor privies, often without a spring or well to provide bucket-and-dipper drinking facilities. "And it was also the responsibility of the teacher to secure and cut the wood

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R.L. KEENUM (top photo) began teaching at \$30 per month and served in North Carolina schools for 43 years. Walter Anderson (Bottom photo) retired in 1960 after 33 1/2 years of teaching. (Photos by Ronald Tipton)



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